



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 4, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Scattered moisture and severe weather was seen throughout various parts of the state earlier last week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Reporters indicated cloudy and unsettled weather in the San Luis Valley continued to adversely affect small grain harvest. In several counties where hot and dry weather has predominated with little moisture relief, diminished dryland crop and range conditions are a concern. Warm weather late in the week advanced crop maturity and harvest progress where conditions allowed. Stored feed supplies were rated 2 percent short, 70 percent adequate, and 28 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 8 percent heavy, 68 percent average, and 24 percent light. Cattle death loss was 80 percent average and 20 percent light.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa				
3 rd cutting	66	56	57	62
4 th cutting	2	NA	6	5
Barley				
Harvested	74	54	85	81
Corn				
Dough	91	80	91	91
Dented	62	45	68	53
Mature	6	--	5	5
Corn Silage				
Harvested	12	5	21	21
Dry beans				
Cut	10	2	8	21
Onions				
Harvested	27	13	21	24
Potatoes Inside San Luis Valley				
Harvested	4	1	4	11
Potatoes Outside San Luis Valley				
Harvested	36	15	41	46
Sorghum				
Headed	94	92	92	90
Turning color	61	39	42	47
Mature	3	1	5	9
Spring wheat				
Turning color	98	94	100	100
Harvested	46	36	60	59
Winter wheat				
Planted	7	1	12	4

NA – not available
(--) – zero

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	6.0	6.4	6.7	6.5
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	7	7	4	28
Short	24	24	30	35
Adequate	66	67	65	35
Surplus	3	2	1	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	6	6	6	31
Short	22	20	28	35
Adequate	70	72	66	34
Surplus	2	2	--	--

NA – not available
(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION				
	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	8
Poor	2	2	4	12
Fair	16	15	26	29
Good.....	64	64	57	41
Excellent.....	18	19	13	10
Corn				
Very poor.....	1	1	--	11
Poor	2	2	3	12
Fair	21	18	21	24
Good.....	61	65	61	42
Excellent.....	15	14	15	11
Dry beans				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	5
Poor	2	2	1	10
Fair	21	21	31	40
Good.....	66	66	58	38
Excellent.....	11	11	10	7
Livestock				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	2
Poor	1	1	1	6
Fair	10	10	12	29
Good.....	77	77	75	54
Excellent.....	12	12	12	9
Onions				
Very poor.....	--	--	3	1
Poor	5	5	8	3
Fair	5	5	18	17
Good.....	72	72	56	67
Excellent.....	18	18	15	12
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	3	3	1	22
Poor	6	6	15	22
Fair	25	25	26	25
Good.....	58	58	48	26
Excellent.....	8	8	10	5
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor	--	--	4	NA
Fair	14	14	16	NA
Good.....	65	64	55	NA
Excellent.....	21	22	25	NA
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Very poor.....	--	--	-	NA
Poor	--	--	-	NA
Fair	5	5	6	NA
Good.....	82	82	83	NA
Excellent.....	13	13	11	NA
Sorghum				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	16
Poor	5	5	5	16
Fair	27	28	31	36
Good.....	60	60	62	31
Excellent.....	8	7	2	1
Spring wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	NA	NA
Poor	--	--	NA	NA
Fair	8	8	NA	NA
Good.....	83	83	NA	NA
Excellent.....	9	9	NA	NA
Sugarbeets				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor	3	3	1	5
Fair	11	11	7	22
Good.....	70	70	73	57
Excellent.....	16	16	19	15
Sunflowers				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	12
Poor	3	3	5	16
Fair	26	26	32	31
Good.....	64	63	51	35
Excellent.....	7	8	12	6

NA – not available

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